gas according to medical experts of the Indian Council of Medical Research as reported in the Hindustan Times of 13th May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps have been contemplated by Government to save the victims of the gas disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government are aware that deaths are occuring amongst the gas affected population due to various causes including chronic lung diseases resulting from harmful effects on the lung tissues which occured due to inhalation of gas.

(b) Necessary and appropriate treatment is being given to gas victims for lung ailments including hospitalisation. Apart from this, the Indian Council of Medical Research is carrying out various research projects concerning problems of gas victims.

Charges against Associate Prof. of L.H.M.C. New Delhi

2038. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of cheating and fraud against Associate Professors of Medicines posted at Lady Hardinge Medical Colleg (L.H.M.C.). New Delhi, are pending with the Vigilance Committee; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI) : SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A complaint of alleged mis-statement of facts by an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S.K. Hospital, New Delhi during his visit to Udaipur in January, 1986 was received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. From the report received from the Lady Hardinge Medical College authorities, it was found that he had been duly nominated by the Vice Chancellor, Delhi University as delegate of the University to attend the 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India held at Udaipur from January, 18—22, 1986. He was provided accommodation at concessional rates as applicable to the officers on official duties.

Non availability of life-saving drugs in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi

2039. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director-General Health Services visited the Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi, sometimes in October, 1985, and found that some life-saving drugs like Symthocillin, Dopamine were out of stock in the Hospital and due to non-availability of these medcines some patients had died in the hospital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister of State for Health also visited the Hospital recently and found that a number of life-saving drugs were out of stock in the said hospital; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) above in the affirmative, the names of the officers found responsible for the above lapses and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Additional Director General of Health Services had visited the Institution in February, 1986. Subsequently the Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare also made a surprise visit to the Hospital. There has been no shortage of life-saving drugs in the hospital.

Unused Equipment in Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi

2040. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item pubilshed in the Hindustan Times of 12th July, 1986 to the effect that equipment worth crores of rupees are being spoiled for want of proper care and are lying unused in the

Sucheta Kripalani Hospital, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made in this regard and the names of the officers found responsible for such lapses and what action Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To get a total picture of the equipments lying unutilised or under-utilised in the Central Government Hospitals in New Delhi, the Government has recently constituted a one man Committee.

"Golden Eye" Exhibition

2041. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent on "Golden Eye" exhibition in various foreign countries; and whether any evaluation has been made of the success achieved by the exhibition; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this project has come in for a lot of adverse criticism on account of favouritism, lavish expenditure etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A total amount of Rs. 79.32 lakhs was spent on organizing the "Golden Eye" exhibition in USA. No evaluation of the exihibition has been made so far.

(b) Yes, Sir. Government is also aware of the success of the exhibition which, for the first time, linked the skills of 265 traditional Indian artistes and 11 world famous designers, to stimulate and revitalise the handicrafts industry.

Complaints against privately managed schools in Delhi

2042. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the functioning of some privately managed schools in Delhi like Manavsthali School; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints pertain to collection of donations, appointment of unqualified teachers, non-confirmation of teachers and other service conditions. Delhi Administration have inquired into the complaints and suitable action is being taken.

Treatment of Out patients in AIIMS

2043. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every outpatient is required to be admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences even for a preliminary surgical test or minor check-up;

(b) if so, what provision has been made to increase the number of beds for indoor-patients to cope with the new situation; and

(c) if not, what is proposed to be done for those patients who come from all over the country for treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) Minor surgical procedures are done in the minor operation theatre complex located in the out-patient Department of AIIMS. However, the out-door patients needing general Anaesthesia and for procedures needing postoperative observation for a few hours are required to stay in the hospital for period ranging from 1 hour to 24 hours.

(b) and (c) No separate beds have been created for short admission nor there is any such proposal even though extra operation room facilities have been created during the last few years for such minor procedures.